

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-208-C - ORDER NO. 97-766
SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

IN RE: Application of Excel Telecommunications,) ORDER
Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Public) GRANTING
Convenience and Necessity to Include) REQUEST TO
Authority to Provide Local Exchange) WITHDRAW
Telecommunications Services.) APPLICATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Excel Telecommunications, Inc. ("Excel") to withdraw its Application by which Excel requests amendment of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services. By letter dated August 21, 1997, counsel for Excel requested that the application in the instant Docket be withdrawn. Counsel stated that Excel had requested a continuance of the hearing scheduled in this docket and that the 120-day statutory requirement did not allow Excel the continuance it needed. Excel therefore requested to withdraw its Application and will refile the Application at a later time.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission is of the opinion, and so finds, that the relief requested should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

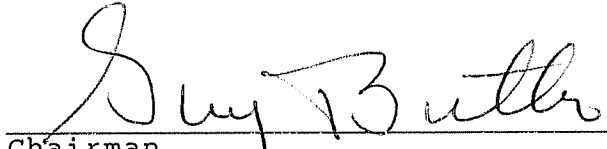
1. The request to withdraw the Application of Excel is

granted and that the withdrawal of the Application is granted without prejudice.

2. The instant Docket shall be closed.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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